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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CGIL ADMITTED TO EUROPEAN
TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION

THE CGIL, ITALY'S COMMUNIST-DOMINATED TRADE UNION
CONFEDERATION, WAS ADMITTED TODAY TO THE METUC, WESTERN
EUROPE'S CONFEDERATION OF LABOR UNIONS. THE CGIL'S
ADMISSION WAS WIDELY EXPECTED, DESPITE EFFORTS OF WEST
GERMANY'S POWERFUL TRADE UNION GROUP (THE DGB) TO
POSTPONE THE DECISION. VOTING WITH THE GERMANS TO OPPOSE
CGIL MEMBERSHIP WERE THE FRENCH WORKERS' FORCE AND THREE
CHRISTIAN UNIONS FROM BELGIUM, LUXEMBOURG, AND SWITZERLAND
THAT RECENTLY JOINED ETUC THEMSELVES.

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THE BRITISH TRADE UNIONS CONGRESS AND THE BELGIAN
FGTB LED THE PRO-CGIL SIDE.

THE GERMANS' PRINCIPAL ARGUMENT AGAINST ADMISSION OF
THE CGIL AT THIS TIME WAS THAT THE STATUS OF THE ITALIANS
IN THE MOSCOW-RUN WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS WAS NOT
CLEAR. THE GERMANS WOULD HAVE LIKED SEVERANCE OF THE CGIL'S
TIES TO THE WFTU TO BE A CONDITION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE
WESTERN EUROPEAN GROUP.

THE FRENCH WORKERS' FORCE FEARS THAT ADMISSION OF
THE CGIL WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO AFFILIATION BY THE FRENCH
COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CGT. MOST OTHER ETUC MEMBERS, HOWEVER,
APPEAR UNSYMPATHETIC FOR THE TIME BEING TO MEMBERSHIP FOR
THE FRENCH COMMUNIST UNION. [REDACTED]

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